

REMARKS

Claims 8-16 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7, 16-18 and 20 were previously rejected. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claim 19. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 17-18, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice and allowable claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to expedite allowance of this application. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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